



West Lafayette Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Minutes of Meeting held Thursday March 21, 2013 6:00 PM
Board Room, West Lafayette Public Library

Present: Curt Ashendel (presiding), Bill Arthur, Jim Bethel, Margy Deverall, Stewart Frescas, Carl Griffin, Nick Harby, Andy Hirsch, Aaron Madrid, Doug Poad, and Brian Pohlar

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm. During introductions we met newcomers Aaron Madrid (from Bike Lafayette), Doug Poad (from the Area Plan Commission Transportation Planning office), and Brian Pohlar (from HWC Engineering and Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce).

2. Corrections were requested for the minutes of the previous meeting (January 10, 2013) which were posted to the WLBPC web site (<http://www.westlafayettebikeped.org/Committee/Minutes.html>) on March 19, 2013 and also provided at this meeting. None were noted in the meeting.

3. News of developments since the last meeting

- a. Doug and Curt reported on the APC Citizens Participation Committee meeting held January 29, 2013. The Lafayette Trail Master Plan was presented and discussed and the draft Transportation Plan (5 year) was presented and discussed. For the first time, this includes Bike-Ped-specific projects as a separate section. Included in that is a plan for “further development” of the Inter-city multi-purpose trails, including the Farm Heritage trail, within Tippecanoe County.
- b. Curt indicated that Bev with the City Development Dept asked if we were interested in staffing a city table at the Farmer’s market which starts May 1. This was discussed and Curt requested for volunteers (no one jumped at the chance). Aaron said Bike Lafayette plans to be there for some of the weeks and is having pamphlets with the city bicycling ordinances on them printed up to hand out.
- c. Covered Bicycle parking in Purdue Parking Structures. Jim reported that his effort (a presentation made in April 2012 to the Campus Transportation committee) was successful in that Parking services indicated that bike parking is now provided in the Grant Street garage and will be added to the other garages over time. Andy indicated that he is now on the Campus Parking committee and that they are embarking on doing a bike-ped plan. Curt asked how this might be extended to other covered parking and it was mentioned that in the new transportation and campus master plan that there will be some sort of facilities included.
- d. Aaron announced that Bike Lafayette is working on developing a community bicycling map similar to the one developed for Seattle and Indy. They are working with the Indy group to use their expertise.
- e. Aaron reported that there is now a free bicycle repair stand installed on campus near the bike path in front of Chemistry (Brown Hall).

4. Open forum for problems and ideas for new actions

- a. Doug reported that updated Crash Report data is being worked on at the APC and will be available soon.

- b. Nick said that the snow was not removed from the Happy Hollow/Soldiers Home Rd Bridge over Sagamore Parkway West (US52) during the recent past snow. Other snow removal was pretty good, however. Margy indicated that this is an ADA issue and should be addressed better by the various road maintenance authorities.
- c. Doug reported that the Lindberg Rd (from 231 to Klondike) is being worked on as part of the US231 project.

5. Projects of the Committee (Only the following projects were discussed)

- a. **Bicycle Challenge and Bike to work day** – Andy reported that the BTW Day committee includes himself, Pat Bolling, Bill Arthur, Aaron Madrid, and Zoe Neal (from Virtuous Cycles). Plans are for two gatherings at 7:30am Friday May 17, one in Lafayette (at the plaza at Main street and 11th Street) and one in West Lafayette (at the Arni Cohen field parking lot – same place as the Farmer’s market). Each will have their respective Mayors and a proclamation and some light refreshments. A new poster is being made (Thanks Carl!) Please encourage everyone to attend. The Bicycle Challenge was discussed briefly. Aaron said he contacted the National people and there are plans to set up a local community challenge web site under the national site.
- b. **Bicycle Friendly Community application to LAB and Walking Friendly Community Application-** Everyone was in favor of doing both applications. The deadlines are Feb 26 and July 16 for cycling and mid-June and mid-November for walking. Carl offered to help Curt do this.
- c. **Covered Bicycle Parking at Purdue and elsewhere** – See News above (item 3c)
- d. **Counting cyclists and pedestrians to determine long term trends in commuting, including biking and walking to schools by schoolchildren.** – Curt discussed the idea of starting this during the national count days May 7 to 9. Aaron said Bike Lafayette is interested in doing a count then, but mostly the sentiment was that there was not enough time to plan this for May and that we should initiate this for the next round, to be held Sept 10-15.

Other projects, not discussed include Web site development, Snow Removal advocacy, Advocacy for bike safety legislation at the state level (increased penalties for injuring or killing a vulnerable road user), bike parking at businesses, bicycle friendly businesses, intercity trail development, guidance to the APC and City of West Lafayette on business bike parking in the land development code, and helping with preparing a revised bike-ped plan for the county.

6. Upcoming meetings:

- The next meeting of the Citizens Participation Committee of the Area Plan Commission has not yet been announced, but the meetings are normally scheduled every other month (starting in January) on the 4th Tuesday. If held according to this it would next meet on March 26, 2013. They are usually at 7PM Tuesday in the Grand Prairie room of the County Office Building. (It turned out later that this was in the Commission meeting room.)
- Aaron announced that Bike Lafayette meets every Sunday at 6pm at the new location for Virtuous Cycles at 215 N 10th Street, Lafayette.

7. Other business and announcements

The next scheduled meeting of this committee is May 9.

8. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 pm

These minutes were submitted to the WLBPC website on May 7, 2013 by Curt Ashendel